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1871.



What is thy only comfort in life and in death?

ANSWER.

That I, with body and soul, both in life and in death, am not my own, but belong to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ, who, with His precious blood, hath fully satisfied for all my sins, and redeemed me from all the power of the Devil; and so preserves me, that, without the will of my Father in Heaven, not a hair can fall from my head; yea, that all things must work together for my salvation. Wherefore, by His Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me heartily willing and ready henceforth to live unto Him.

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


















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REFORMED CHURCH ALMANAC FOR 1871.

MOON'S SIGNS.		SIGNS OF THE ZODIAC.			PLANETS AND ASPECTS.		
 New Moon.	 Full Moon.	 Ram.	 Lion.	 Bowman.	 Saturn.	 Venus.	
 First Quarter.	 Last Quarter.	 Bull.	 Virgin.	 Goat.	 Jupiter.	 Mercury.	
		 Twins.	 Balance.	 Waterman.	 Mars.	 Moon.	
		 Cancer.	 Scorpion.	 Fishes.	 Sun.	 Herschel.	

♌ Conjunction, or planets in the same longitude. □ Quartile, when they are 90 degrees distant.
 ⊕ Sextile, when they are 60 degrees apart. △ Trine, when they are 120 degrees distant.
 ♂ Opposition, when they are 180 degrees distant.

The Latin Names of the Signs of the Zodiac are:

Aries (Ram), Taurus (Bull), Gemini (Twins), Cancer (Crab), Leo (Lion), Virgo (Virgin), Libra (Balance),
 Scorpio (Scorpion), Sagittarius (Bowman), Capricornus (Goat), Aquarius (Waterman), Pisces (Fishes).

CHRONOLOGICAL CYCLES.

Dominical Letter, A.—Golden Number, 10.—Epect, 9.—Solar Cycle, 4.—Roman Indiction, 14.—
 Julian Period, 6584.

The Jewish Era commences September 16th, with their year 5632. The Mohamedan Era commences
 March 23d, with their year 1288.

MOVEABLE FESTIVALS.

Septuagesima Sunday, Feb. 5.	Palm Sunday, April 2.	Trinity Sunday, June 4.
Quinquagesima Sunday, Feb. 19.	Easter Sunday, April 9.	Corpus Christi, June 8.
Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 21.	Ascension Day, May 18.	First Sunday in Advent, Dec. 3.
Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22.	Whit Sunday, May 28.	Sundays after Trinity are 28.

EMBER DAYS.

March 1. May 31. September 20. December 20.

THE FOUR SEASONS OR CARDINAL POINTS.

Vernal Equinox, March 20th, at 8 o'clock, 12 min. in the evening.
 Summer Solstice, June 21st, at 4 o'clock, 40 min in the afternoon.
 Autumnal Equinox, September 23d, at 6 o'clock, 50 min. in the morning.
 Winter Solstice, December 22d, at 12 o'clock, 58 min. in the morning.
 Venus (♀) is called the Governing Planet.

ECLIPSES FOR THE YEAR 1871.

There will be four Eclipses, two at the Sun and two at the Moon.
 The first is a Partial Eclipse of the Moon, on the 6th of January, 4 o'clock, 16 min. in the evening.
 The Moon will rise at 4 o'clock, 42 min. partly eclipsed on the western limb, and will end at 5 o'clock, 45 min. in the evening.
 The second is an Annular Eclipse of the Sun, on the 17th of June, 9 o'clock, 30 min. in the evening.
 Therefore invisible here; will be visible on the Indian, North Pacific, South Pacific Ocean and Australia.
 The third is a Partial Eclipse of the Moon, on the 2d of July, 8 o'clock, 32 min. in the morning,
 consequently invisible here.
 The fourth is a Total Eclipse of the Sun, on the 11th of September, 11 o'clock, 8 min. in the evening.
 Invisible here; visible on the Pacific and Indian Ocean, southern part of Asia. The total line of this
 Eclipse will pass through the Indian Ocean and northern part of Australia, and will end near the Equator
 on the Pacific Ocean.

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CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

Full Moon,	6th day,	4 o'clock,	17 min.	Afternoon.	1, 2, fair; 3, 4, 5, variable; 6, 7, snow; 8, 9, 10, cold;
Last Quarter,	14th "	1 "	47 "	Morning.	cloudy; 11, 12, 13, frost; 14, 15, 16, 17, rain and snow;
New Moon,	20th "	7 "	20 "	Evening.	18, 19, 20, fair; 21, snow; 22, 23, 24, cold; 25, 26, 27,
First Quarter,	28th "	8 "	1 "	Morning.	variable; 28, 29, snow; 30, 31, cold.

JANUARY.



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Each season has its own plays and pastime. To summer belong marbles, balls, kites and hoops; to winter belong especially coasting and skating. How swiftly the skillful skater skims along! How neatly he cuts his name on the ice, turns a curve or runs a race! But all this comes only by long practice; and, alas! when the skater falls, he never falls on a soft spot!

KEEP all your *Messengers* and other Church papers, if not for yourself for your children; they contain a vast amount of very important instruction. There you will find explanations of the Scriptures, the Catechism, worship and church government, which will be of great account for future reference, as well as present use.

A NEW YEAR CALL.

"Oh, Christians! how the years roll on,
Bringing new mercoies, one by one!
Come with thanksgiving, come with prayer,
And greet the New Year's morning fair!

Up, Christians, up,
The New Year dawns;
Up, up, and gird your armor on;
Go forth in prayer, 'tis New Year's morn.

Oh, Christians! how the years roll on!
Thousands to their account have gone!
Our time is short; work while 'tis day;
Oh, work and wait and watch and pray!

Up, Christians, up,
The New Year dawns;
Up, up, and gird your armor on,
And watch and pray, 'tis New Year's morn.

NEW YEAR.

New Year's day opens the civil year, but it is also a Christian festival, and refers to the circumcision of the child Jesus. Circumcision was the sign and seal of God's covenant (Gen. 17: 1); the door into the Jewish Church; and, as a truly human child, Jesus was also made obedient to the law. Baptism is now instead of this Jewish rite (Col. 2: 11) and is the door of entrance into the Christian Church. As in circumcision the Jewish child received his name (Gen. 17: 5; Luke 1: 59; 2: 21), so now the Christian child receives his name in holy baptism, his Christian name, officially fixed, and therefore binding from this time on. New Year, therefore, should remind us of these things.

HABIT is very powerful, whether good or bad. The oftener you do a thing, the harder to change from doing it. It may be praying or swearing, alms-giving or smoking, being present at church or absent, kindness to others or selfishness. Habit is habit. Beware, therefore, what you cultivate. Changes are hard to make.





DAVID ON CONGREGATIONAL SINGING. "Let the people praise Thee, O God, let all the people praise Thee." Ps. 67: 3.

For the length of the day, double the time of sun-setting. For the length of the night, double the time of sun-rising.








FEBRUARY,

2d Month, 28 Days.

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Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. d.	Aspects of Planets and other Miscellaneous.	s sl rises m. h. m.	Sun sets h. m.	O. style
Wednesday	1 Ignatius	Matth. 5:13-32	3 6	 20	♂ rises 10 11	14 7 0	5 0 20	
Thursday	2 Purif. Virgin	" 5:33-48	4 4	 4	♀ gr. Hel. Lat. S.	14 6 59	5 1 21	
Friday	3 Ansgar	" 6	5 2	 17	♂ ♀ ♄ ♀ rises 4 20	14 6 58	5 2 22	
Saturday	4 Rhaban. Maurus	" 7	5 59	 1	♂ ♀ sets 6 2	14 6 57	5 3 23	

6] *Septuagesima Sunday.* St. Matthew 20:1-16; 1 Cor. 9:24-10:5. *Day's length, 10 hours, 8 min.*

Sunday	5 P. S. Spener	Luke 3	♄ rises.	 16	5th. ♄ south 8 31	14 6 56	5 4 24	
Monday	6 Amandus	" 4	6 33	 0	Sirius south 9 21	14 6 54	5 6 25	
Tuesday	7 George Wagner	" 5	7 41	 15	Orion south 8 24	14 6 53	5 7 26	
Wednesday	8 Maria Andreæ	" 6:1-19	8 50	 0	♄ rises 3 49	15 6 52	5 8 27	
Thursday	9 John Hooper	" 6:20-49	9 54	 15	♂ ♄ ♄ ♄ rises 9 49	15 6 51	5 9 28	
Friday	10 F. C. Oetinger	" 7	10 56	 29	♄ stationary	15 6 50	5 10 29	
Saturday	11 Hugo de St. Vict.	" 8	11 59	 14	Antares rises 3 17	15 6 48	5 12 30	




7] *Sexagesima Sunday.* St. Luke 8:4-15; 2 Cor. 11:19-12:9. *Day's Length, 10 hours, 26 min.*

Sunday	12 Lady Jane Grey	Luke 9:1-36	morn.	 28	12h. ♄ sets 6 12	15 6 47	5 13 31	
Monday	13 C. F. Schwartz	" 9:37-62	12 46	 11	♄ in per. 7* so. 5 54	15 6 46	5 14 F.	
Tuesday	14 Brun of Querfurt	" 10	1 42	 24	♄ south 7 41	14 6 45	5 15 2	
Wednesday	15 Jacob von Loh	" 11:1-36	2 40	 7	♂ ♄ ♄ ♄ rises 3 20	14 6 44	5 16 3	
Thursday	16 Matth. Desubas	" 11:37	3 44	 20	Andromeda sets 9 50	14 6 42	5 18 4	
Friday	17 Pat. Hamilton	" 12:13-59	4 50	 3	♂ ♄ ♄ ♄ rises 5 6	14 6 41	5 19 5	
Saturday	18 Simeon of Jerus.	" 13:1-21	5 58	 15	♄ ♄ rises 9 27	14 6 40	5 20 6	

8] *Quinquagesima Sunday.* St. Luke 18:31-43; 1 Cor. 13:1-13. *Day's Length, 10 hours, 42 min.*

Sunday	19 Mesrob	Luke 13:22-35	♄ sets.	 29	19th. ☉ enters	14 6 39	5 21 7	
Monday	20 Sadoth	" 14	6 20	 10	♂ ♄ ♄ ♄ sets 6 24	14 6 38	5 22 8	
Tuesday	21 Shrove Tuesday	" 15	7 14	 22	Aretur rises 8 40	14 6 37	5 23 9	
Wednesday	22 Ash Wednesday	" 16	8 10	 4	Orion south 7 26	14 6 35	5 25 10	
Thursday	23 B. Ziegenbalg	" 17:1-19	9 4	 16	♄ in Aphelion	14 6 34	5 26 11	
Friday	24 Matthias	" 17:20-37	9 59	 28	♄ rises 2 49	14 6 32	5 28 12	
Saturday	25 Casp. Oleivianus	" 18:1-30	10 57	 9	♄ rises 9 0	13 6 31	5 29 13	

9] *1st Sunday in Lent.* St. Matthew 4:1-11; 2 Cor. 6:1-10. *Day's Length, 11 hours, 0 min.*

Sunday	26 Berthold Haller	Luke 18:31-19:28	11 54	 21	♄ in apo. Sp. so. 9 17	13 6 30	5 30 14	
Monday	27 Martin Bucer	" 19:29-20:18	morn.	 3	27th. ♂ ♄ ♄ ♄ so. 13 6 28	5 32 15		
Tuesday	28 Jno. de Mon. Corv	" 20:19-21:4	12 53	 16	Sirius south 7 54	[6 24] 13 6 27	5 33 16	

Venus (♀) is Evening Star till the 26th of September 6 o'clock 5 Min. in the Morning; then again Morning Star till the end of the year.

MOON'S PHASES,

Full Moon,	5th day,	8 o'clock,	47 min.	Morning.
Last Quarter,	12th "	10 "	46 "	Morning.
New Moon,	19th "	8 "	14 "	Morning.
First Quarter,	27th "	5 "	25 "	Morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, coldest days; 3, 4, variable; 5, snow; 6, 7, cold, N. W.; 8, 9, 10, clear; 11, 12, 13, variable; 14, 15, 16, cold; 17, 18, clear; 19, 20, 21, 22, fair; 23, 24, 25, N. W. cold; 26, 27, 28, rain.



FEBRUARY.

No doubt this picture represents St. Valentine dropping a note for some lady-love. The fourteenth of February used to be noted for the thousands of foolish valentines sent; but the absurd custom is fast falling out of good company, and should never be renewed.

NOTHING will more tenderly and powerfully bind a family together than daily worship. Children will carry its hallowed associations through life, and ever feel thankful for its sacred influence.

THE heart is a small thing, but desireth great matters. In size it is not sufficient for a kite's dinner; yet the whole world is not sufficient for it.—*Hugo.*

BELONGING TO CHRIST.

In the first question and answer of the Heidelberg Catechism, dear children, you are taught that as the baptized children of the Church you are not your own, but Christ's.

Is your baptism, then, a blessing to you? Yes, for it brings you into God's family, and you stand in the "Communion of saints." As it is a great blessing to you to stand in the good family of your earthly father, having at hand true friends and all kinds of comforts, so it is a great blessing that you stand in the Christian Church, the holy family of the heavenly Father, where you have all spiritual good at hand, food and clothing for the soul, with abiding joy.

But may you not lose all this? Not if you are willing to keep it. Are you afraid of losing the blessings and joys of your earthly home? You can have them, so long as you remain there a loving and obedient child; but if you should run away, and walk with vile persons, you will lose them. So with the baptismal blessing, which you have before and around you in the Church; you need only be a loving and obedient child in the heavenly family, and all its blessings are yours to enjoy in this world and the next.

But if you should grow up careless or wicked, you would be a "prodigal son," one who has turned away from home and friends, and who can have no peace or pardon until he returns to the Father's house.

What a blessing, then, to be a baptized child of the Church! What an honor, and what a benefit, to be an heir in the family of God! All this is yours, my child, because you are Christ's. Cast it not away from you; but ever honor and enjoy it in your heart and life, and show your thankfulness by living unto Christ.
































This is what the first question in our Heidelberg Catechism means. You are Christ's. This is your only comfort. But you must honor this holy relation by ever living unto Him.

How many parents teach their children how to lie, either (1) by saying what the child afterwards finds to be untrue; (2) making promises without fulfilling them; or (3) threatening without performing the threat! Children will believe you for a while, without the least spirit of doubting; but you can soon poison the tender mind with unbelief. Beware!

MARCH,

3d Month, 31 Days.

1871.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. d.	Aspects of Planets and other Miscellaneous.	s. sl rises m.	Sun rises h. m.	Sun sets h. m.	O. style
Wednesday	1 Emberday	Luke 21:5-35	1 56	 29	♀ sets 6 59	13 6 26	5 34	17	
Thursday	2 John Wesley	" 22:1-30	2 59	 12	♂ ♃ ♄ ♀ rises 2 39	12 6 24	5 36	18	
Friday	3 Bathilde	" 22:31-71	4 2	 25	Arctur rises 8 4	12 6 23	5 37	19	
Saturday	4 Geo. Wishart	" 23	5 1	 9	Regulus south 11 2	12 6 22	5 38	20	
10] 2d Sunday in Lent. St. Matthew 15: 21-28; 1 Thes. 4: 1-7. Day's length, 11 hours, 20 min.									
Sunday	5 Thos. Aquinas	Mark 10: 32-52	6 0	 24	♂ Spica south 7 30	12 6 20	5 40	21	
Monday	6 Fridolin	" 11	 rises.	9	♂ 6th. Sirius so. 7 30	12 6 19	5 41	22	
Tuesday	7 Perpetua	" 12	7 23	 24	♂ rises 2 29	11 6 18	5 42	23	
Wednesday	8 Zach. Ursinus	" 13	8 37	 9	♂ ♃ ♄ ♀ ♄ r. 8 24	11 6 17	5 43	24	
Thursday	9 Cyrillus	" 14: 1-54	9 49	 24	♀ sets 7 21	11 6 15	5 45	25	
Friday	10 Forty Martyrs Leb.	" 14: 55-15: 15	10 56	 9	♂ in per. ♀ sets 11 59	11 6 14	5 46	26	
Saturday	11 Wm. Hoseus	" 15:16-47	11 59	 24	Rigel sets 11 12	10 6 12	5 48	27	
11] 3d Sunday in Lent. St. Luke 11: 14-28; Eph. 5: 1-9. Day's Length, 11 hours, 38 min.									
Sunday	12 Greg. the Great	Matth. 20: 17-33	morn.	 9	♂ Regulus so. 10 32	10 6 11	5 49	28	
Monday	13 Rudiricus	" 21	12 50	 22	♂ 13th. Orion so. 6 14	10 6 10	5 50	M	
Tuesday	14 Matilda	" 22	1 45	 5	♂ ♃ ♄ ♀ rises 2 0	10 6 8	5 52	2	
Wednesday	15 Thos. Cranmer	" 23	2 40	 19	♂ Wega rises 10 7	9 6 7	5 53	3	
Thursday	16 Heribert	" 24: 1-31	3 34	 4	♀ gr. Hel. Lat. S.	9 6 6	5 54	4	
Friday	17 St. Patrick	" 24:32-51	4 26	 19	♀ sets 7 38	9 6 4	5 56	5	
Saturday	18 Alexander	" 25	5 8	 4	♂ sets 11 38	8 6 3	5 57	6	
12] 4th Sunday in Lent. St. John 6: 1-15; Gal. 4: 21-31. Day's Length, 11 hours, 58 min.									
Sunday	19 Mary & Martha	Matth. 26: 1-13	5 41	 19	♂ ♃ ♄ ♀ so. 11 40	8 6 1	5 59	7	
Monday	20 Ambrose of Sien.	" 26: 14-35	 sets.	2	♂ 20th. ☉ enters ♈	8 6 0	6 0	8	
Tuesday	21 Benedict	" 26: 36-56	6 50	 16	Spring commences.	7 5 58	6 2	9	
Wednesday	22 Nich. v. d. Flüe	" 26: 31-27: 2	7 44	 28	♂ ♃ ♄ ♀ sets 7 49	7 5 57	6 3	10	
Thursday	23 Wolfgang	" 27: 3-31	8 38	 10	♂ rises 1 28	7 5 56	6 4	11	
Friday	24 Horentius	" 27: 32-50	9 31	 22	Sirius south 6 26	7 5 55	6 5	12	
Saturday	25 Ann. V. Mary	" 27: 51-66	10 22	 3	7* sets 10 52	6 5 54	6 6	13	
13] 5th Sunday in Lent. St. John 8 46-59; Heb. 9: 11-15. Day's Length, 12 hours, 14 min.									
Sunday	26 Lindger	John 11	11 18	 14	♂ in apo. Spica ris. 7 34	6 5 53	6 7	14	
Monday	27 Rupertus	" 12	11 59	 26	♂ ♃ ♄ ♀ sets 11 25	6 5 52	6 8	15	
Tuesday	28 John v. Goch	" 13: 1-30	morn.	 8	♂ ♄ ☉ superior	5 5 50	6 10	16	
Wednesday	29 Eustatius	" 13:31-14:	12 55	 21	♂ 29th. ♄	5 5 49	6 11	17	
Thursday	30 John Heermann	" 15	1 50	 3	♂ ♃ ♄ ☉ ♄	5 5 48	6 12	18	
Friday	31 Ernest the Pius	" 16	2 40	 17	♄ stationary	4 5 47	6 13	19	

Mars (♂) is the 19th in opposition to the Sun, nearest to the Earth, and shines all night.

MOON'S PHASES.

Full Moon,	6th day,	10 o'clock,	26 min.	Evening.
Last Quarter,	13th "	5 "	10 "	Afternoon.
New Moon,	20th "	10 "	50 "	Evening.
First Quarter,	29th "	1 "	40 "	Morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, clear; 3, 4, 5, cold; 6, 7, variable; 8, 9, rain and snow; 10, 11, 12, clear; 13, 14, 15, N. W.; 16, 17, 18, moderate; 19, 20, 21, fair; 22, 23, storm; 24, 25, variable; 26, 27, 28, clear; 29, 30, 31, pleasant.

MARCH.



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"Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to the flesh, shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit, shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." So says St. Paul. "He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully."

OVER two hundred of our Reformed Ministers received their education at Marshall College (while it was at Mercersburg, Pa.), and at Franklin and Marshall College, at Lancaster, Pa. Of these more than one hundred and thirty preach in both German and English.

A TEXT for sinners—Pretext.

OUR SYNODS.

Over the Congregation is the Consistory. Over the Consistories is the Classis. Over the Classes is the District Synod. Over the District Synods is the General Synod, the highest body.

We have four District Synods. The oldest, the Mother Synod, commonly called the Eastern Synod, is officially called "*The Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States*," organized in 1747, and divided into districts or Classes in 1819. In 1820 the Ohio Classis was organized. In 1824 this body became a Synod, now known as "*The Synod of Ohio and Adjacent States*."

The third Synod was organized in 1867, and is called "*The Synod of the Reformed Church in the Northwest*."

The fourth and last Synod was organized in February, 1870, and called "*The Pittsburg Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States*." Its territory is the western parts of Pennsylvania and New York.

The General Synod meets only every three years. It met the first time in Pittsburg, Pa., in 1863; in Dayton, O., in 1866; in Philadelphia, Pa., in 1869; and will meet in Cincinnati, O., in 1872.

The Eastern Synod and Pittsburg Synod, always meet in October or November of every year; while their Classes meet in the spring. The Synod of Ohio and the Synod of the Northwest meet annually in the spring, and their Classes in the fall.

A BAD MEASURE.

Many persons in their giving alms will measure themselves by others, that is, give as much as some other one will give, or as little. Is this right? Would you think of measuring your praying in the same way; that is pray as long or short, as often or seldom, as some other member? Do you think Paul measured his labor and suffering by Peter's? Do the Scriptures allow you to do just so much of your duty as another is willing to do? Must not every one give account of *himself*, each being responsible for his own talents? You shall give as the Lord has prospered *you*, not another (1 Cor. xvi. 2). Do not, then, measure your almsgiving by that of another.

THE foundry for casting shadows is located in the sun.



APRIL.

This picture means a great deal. The boy and girl with umbrella over them represent April,—fitful, fretful April, that changes from rain to shine in an hour, like the notions of childhood,—tempting you out with a clear sky, and then suddenly showering down a cloud upon you!

IN every "Messenger," and on the second page of this Almanac, is a list of the books, tracts, catechisms, &c., published by our Board. Look over it, select what you need, and send for them. Always buy your own church books rather than such as agents sell. You need them far more. For example, Harbaugh's books on Heaven, or the "Tercenary Monument," or "Creed and Customs," are worth more to you than a thousand such trashy volumes as are so often offered for sale.

HOLY WEEK.

It always is the week before Easter. As it is our yearly "Week of Prayer," so should the churches be open every day. As the death and resurrection of Christ form the great central fact in the history of the world, so we should not fail to make proper account of it during the Easter festival, not as losing sight of it afterward, but rather as enabling us all the more to rest our faith and hope in it.

We call it *holy* week, from the holy words and works of our Lord spoken and done therein; *passion* week, because then His suffering reached its highest point; *silent* week, because entering into sympathy with her Lord, the Church in silent sorrow meditates upon the mystery of His passion, and with bowed head and heart listens to the story of His trial, death and burial.

So, too, the holy communion has always in our Church been celebrated at this time, both as a memorial of His sufferings and death, and as the fruit of His resurrection, strengthening us for labor and suffering in the Lord.

So, too, confirmation takes place during Holy Week. It is a good time for new enlistments under the banner of Christ, and enables us to see, from the infinite price paid, our great need of a Redeemer.

THE LORD'S SUPPER.







Why does our Lord say "Take, eat, drink?" If the Eucharist were only to represent to us the sufferings and death of Christ, this is already done by breaking the bread and pouring out the wine before the whole congregation. Why must we also eat, drink, thereof? Because thereby something is to be received, namely, His true body and blood, agreeably to 1 Cor. x. 16. Therefore such solemn, yea fearful stress is laid on the worthy receiving of this nourishing Sacrament. Without it, we die, because it is God's act to us, not like worship, which is our act toward God; and in it we come under the power of His grace, and so receive what in His Word He promises, namely, the remission of sin and life eternal.

YOUR Sunday School tax is very small, when compared with your public school tax; yet some pay the first more grudgingly than the second. Which is the most important?








MAY,

5th Month, 31 Days.








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Monday	1 Phil. & James	John 15	3 40	 10	♂ stationary	♂	3 5	8 6 52	19
Tuesday	2 Athanasius	" 16 17	4 9	 25	♀ sets 9 30		3 5	7 6 53	20
Wednesday	3 Monica	" 18	4 40	 11	♀ in Perihelion		3 5	6 6 54	21
Thursday	4 Florian	" 19	♂ rises.	 26	♂ 4th. ♀ stationary		3 5	5 6 55	22
Friday	5 Fred. the Wise	" 20	8 1	 11	♂ in per. ♂ south 8 11		3 5	4 6 56	23
Saturday	6 John of Damasc.	" 21	9 10	 26	♂ sets 9 50	♂	4 5	2 6 58	24








19] 4th Sunday after Easter. St. John 16: 5-15; Jas. 1: 16-21. Day's length, 13 hours, 58 min.

Sunday	7 Otto the Great	Heb. 1 2	10 5	 9	♂ Aldebaran sets 9 25		4 5	1 6 59	25
Monday	8 Stanislaus	" 3 4	10 55	 22	♂ ♀ ♀ rises 10 30		4 5	0 7 0	26
Tuesday	9 Greg. Nazianzen	" 5 6	11 48	 5	Arctur south 11 6		4 4	59 7 1	27
Wednesday	10 John Henglin	" 7	morn.	 18	♂ Sirius sets 8 34		4 4	58 7 2	28
Thursday	11 John Arndt	" 8	12 40	 0	♂ 11th. Orion sets 9 2		4 4	57 7 3	29
Friday	12 Meletius	" 9	1 21	 12	♂ ♀ ♀ sets 9 51		4 4	56 7 4	30
Saturday	13 Servatius	" 10	1 49	 24	Spica south 10 0		4 4	55 7 5	M





20] 5th Sunday after Easter. St. John 16: 23-33; Jas. 1: 22-27. Day's Length, 14 hours, 12 min.

Sunday	14 Pachomius	Heb. 11	2 15	 6	♂ sets 9 26		4 4	54 7 6	2
Monday	15 Moses	" 12	2 40	 18	♂ ♀ ♀ inferior		4 4	53 7 7	3
Tuesday	16 Five Mart. at L.	" 13	3 10	 0	♂ south 7 40		4 4	53 7 7	4
Wednesday	17 Joachim of Flor.	John 14	3 35	 12	♂ rises 9 56		4 4	52 7 8	5
Thursday	18 Ascension Day	Col. 2	4 1	 24	♂ ♀ ♀ Ant. ris. 8 16		4 4	51 7 9	6
Friday	19 Aleuin	John 15	♂ sets.	 6	♂ 19th. Libræ so. 10 56		4 4	50 7 10	7
Saturday	20 Val. Herberger	" 16	8 9	 19	♂ in apo.		4 4	49 7 11	8

21] 6th Sunday after Easter. St. John 15: 26; 16: 4; 1 Pet. 4: 8-11. Day's Length, 14 hours, 24 min.

Sunday	21 Constantine	1 John 1	8 59	 1	♂ ♀ ♀ ♀ Centers II	♂	4 4	48 7 12	9
Monday	22 Castus & Aemil.	" 2	9 54	 14	♂ ♀ ♀ ♀ sets 10 0		4 4	48 7 12	10
Tuesday	23 Jerome Savonar.	" 3	10 50	 27	♂ ♀ ♀ ♀ sets 9 2		4 4	47 7 13	11
Wednesday	24 Augustine Cazal.	" 4	11 46	 10	Regulus sets 12 38		3 4	46 7 14	12
Thursday	25 Augustine	" 5	morn.	 23	♀ gr. Hel. Lat. N.		3 4	46 7 14	13
Friday	26 Beda Venerabilis	Joel 3	12 34	 7	♂ Orion sets 8 2		3 4	45 7 15	14
Saturday	27 John Calvin	"	1 12	 21	♂ 27th. ♀ rises 9 26		3 4	44 7 16	15

22] Whit Sunday. St. John 14: 15-31; Acts 2: 1-11. Day's Length, 14 hours, 34 min.

Sunday	28 Whit Sunday	John 17	1 50	 5	♂ ♀ ♀ ♀ south 7 0		3 4	43 7 17	16
Monday	29 Whit Monday	Gal. 3. 4: 1-7	2 24	 20	♀ sets 10 14		3 4	42 7 18	17
Tuesday	30 Jerome of Prag.	Rom. 12	2 54	 5	Pollux sets 10 56		3 4	42 7 18	18
Wednesday	31 Ember day	1 Cor. 13	3 20	 20	Arctur south 9 36		3 4	41 7 19	19

MOON'S PHASES,

Full Moon,	4th day,	6 o'clock,	2 min.	Evening.
Last Quarter,	11th "	9 "	27 "	Morning.
New Moon,	19th "	5 "	49 "	Morning.
First Quarter,	27th "	8 "	5 "	Morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, rain and thunder; 4, 5, 6, 7, agreeable; 8, 9, 10, variable; 11, 12, fair; 13, cloudy; 14, 15, rain; 16, 17, 18, clear; 19, 20, fair and warm; 21, 22, 23, thunder showers; 24, 25, fair; 26, 27, 28, clear; 29, 30, cloudy; 31, rain.

THOSE FORTY DAYS.



In old England, and in some parts of our own country, the first of May is a noted day, set apart to social intercourse, and innocent amusements. Sometimes there is a great public gathering of the people; a May-pole is raised; a May-queen is crowned; and the day is celebrated in delightful style, with games, plays and music. Such pastimes are good for us, as well as pleasant, especially for the young; making bright spots in life long and sweetly to be remembered.

GEORGE PEABODY says: "It is sometimes hard for one, who has devoted the best part of his life to the accumulation of money, to spend it for others; but practice it, and keep on practicing it, and I assure you it comes to be a pleasure."

What do they mean, those forty days between Christ's resurrection and ascension? Why did He not ascend at once into Heaven? Why delay on earth so long? In His blessed life there was nothing accidental or without meaning.

To convince the disciples of the reality of His resurrection. They at first did not believe He had risen (Mark xvi. 9-14); and only after He had made Himself clearly known to them did they believe it. But even then they had to have time in order clearly to realize it, and become fully conscious of the wonderful fact. Since our whole salvation depends entirely on the resurrection of Christ (1 Cor. xv. 13-20), this great fact must be made certain for God's people forever. Therefore "He showed Himself alive after His passion, by many infallible proofs." What were these "proofs?" His bodily presence, the very marks on His body (John xx. 20); speaking to the disciples; eating before them (Acts x. 41); and working miracles (John xx. 19; xxi. 10-12).

2. To prepare them still further for their ministry. He spake to them during these forty days "of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God." He could now tell them many things which they could not before receive.




3. Also for His own sake did He thus delay forty days after His resurrection. This is plain from the fact, that He was so little and so irregularly with the Disciples, and so much alone. There was in Himself a need of this delay. In His life there was nothing sudden or abrupt. His birth, growth, teaching, suffering, death and victory were each and all gradual in their happening. So must it be with His ascension. We may not be able to understand wherein this preparation consisted; but we can see the propriety of it.

How wisely the Roman Catholic Church lays hold of her own children, and as many others as she can bring under her power, and carefully trains them up to manhood and womanhood; then they become her strength, and need but little watching or training. Why will not the whole Protestant Church be equally wise, and act on the same principle; instead of neglecting the children, and then wondering why the grown people are so unstable in faith and practice?








JUNE,

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





1871.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. d.	Aspects of Planets and other Miscellanies.	s. fast m.	Sun rises h. m.	Sun sets h. m.	O. style
Thursday	1 J. Fred. Oberlin	Rom. 6: 19-7	3 45	 5	♂ sets 10 18	☾	3 4 41	7 19 20	
Friday	2 Pothinus	" 8	4 10	 18	♂ sets 8 42		2 4 40	7 20 21	
Saturday	3 Chlotilde	2 Cor. 5	♂ rises.	 3	♂ 3d. ♀ in per.	☾	2 4 40	7 20 22	








23] *Trinity Sunday.* St. John 3: 1-15; Rev. 4: 1-11. *Day's Length, 14 hours, 42 min.*

Sunday	4 Quirinus	Acts 1 & 2	9 2	 17	♂ ♀ ☿. ♀ ♀ ♀. ☿		2 4 39	7 21 23	
Monday	5 Boniface	" 3	9 51	 29	♂ rises 8 56		2 4 39	7 21 24	
Tuesday	6 Norbert	" 4	10 31	 13	Arctur south 9 10		2 4 38	7 22 25	
Wednesday	7 Paul Gerhardt	" 5	11 26	 26	Antares south 11 18		2 4 38	7 22 26	
Thursday	8 A. H. Francke	" 6	morn.	 9	Wega south 1 28		1 4 37	7 23 27	
Friday	9 Columba	" 7	12 22	 21	9th. ☿ gr. Elong. W.		1 4 37	7 23 28	
Saturday	10 Fred. Barbarosa	" 8	12 52	 3	☿ gr. Elong. West		1 4 37	7 23 29	







24] *1st Sunday after Trinity.* St. Luke 16: 19-21; 1 John 4: 7-21. *Day's Length, 14 hours, 48 min.*

Sunday	11 Barnabas	Acts 9	1 22	 14	♂ sets 8 27		1 4 36	7 24 30	
Monday	12 Renata	" 10	1 48	 26	☿ gr. Hel. Lat. S.		0 4 36	7 24 31	
Tuesday	13 Isaac C. Tebore	" 11	2 11	 8	Regulus sets 11 20		0 4 36	7 24 1	
Wednesday	14 Basil	" 12	2 41	 20	♂ rises 8 20	sun slw	4 35	7 25 2	
Thursday	15 W. Wilberforce	1 Pet. 2: 11 3: 7	3 10	 3	♂ ♀ ☿. ☿ rises 3 50		4 35	7 25 3	
Friday	16 Richard Baxter	1 Pet. 3: 18 4: 16	3 40	 15	♂ in apo. ♀ sts. 10 17		0 4 35	7 25 4	
Saturday	17 John Tauler	1 Pet. 4: 17 5	♂ sets.	 28	17th. Spica sets 12 0		0 4 35	7 25 5	

25] *2d Sunday after Trinity.* St. Luke 14: 16-24; 1 John 3: 13-24. *Day's Length, 14 hours, 50 min.*

Sunday	18 Pamphilus	2 Pet. 1: 1-11	8 22	 11	♂ ♀ ♀. ♀ sets 8 11		1 4 35	7 25 6	
Monday	19 Council at Nicæa	2 Pet. 1: 12: 2 3	9 20	 24	Arctur south 8 48		1 4 35	7 25 7	
Tuesday	20 27 Martyrs	James 2	10 00	 7	♂ ♀ ☿. Antares S. 9 24		1 4 35	7 25 8	
Wednesday	21 Matt. Claudius	" 3	10 40	 20	☉ enters ♎. longest day		1 4 34	7 26 9	
Thursday	22 Gottschalk.	" 4	11 20	 4	Summer commences		1 4 35	7 25 10	
Friday	23 Gottfried Arnold	" 5	11 59	 18	♂ sets 10 14		2 4 35	7 25 11	
Saturday	24 John Baptist	Jude	morn.	 2	Procyon sets 7 40		2 4 35	7 25 12	

26] *3d Sunday after Trinity.* St. Luke 15: 1-10; 1 Pet. 5: 6-11. *Day's length, 14 hours, 50 min.*

Sunday	25 Augsburg Con.	Acts 13: 1-12	12 42	 16	25th. ♀ ♀ ♀		2 4 35	7 25 13	
Monday	26 J. Val. Andreae	" 13: 13-52	1 14	 0	♂ ♀ ☉. ♀ sets 12 39		2 4 35	7 25 14	
Tuesday	27 Seven Sleepers	" 14	1 44	 15	Librae south 8 46		3 4 35	7 25 15	
Wednesday	28 Irenæus	" 15	2 12	 29	♂ ♀ ☉. ♀ south 11 59		3 4 35	7 25 16	
Thursday	29 Peter and Paul	" 16	2 42	 14	Wega south 12 2		3 4 36	7 24 17	
Friday	30 Raymond Lully	" 17	3 8	 28	♂ ♀ ☉. Spica sets 12 6	☾	3 4 36	7 24 18	

Saturn (♄) is the 28th, in opposition with the Sun; nearest to the Earth, and shines all night.

Jupiter (♃) is the 30th, in conjunction with the Sun, and cannot be seen.

MOON'S PHASES,

Full Moon,	3d day,	1 o'clock, 28 min.	Morning.
Last Quarter,	9th "	7 " 38 "	Evening.
New Moon,	17th "	9 " 29 "	Evening.
First Quarter,	25th "	5 " 42 "	Evening.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, fair; 3, 4, 5, variable; 6, 7, thunder showers; 8, 9, 10, clear; 11, 12, 13, warm; 14, 15, 16, cloudy; 17, 18, rain; 19, 20, clear; 21, 22, 23, fair; 24, 25, variable; 26, clear; 27, 28, 29, fair; 30 variable.



Incessant toil is not promotive of real comfort or happiness. Intervals of rest and recreation are necessary, and they are profitable also, when properly employed. Even fishing in its season, exhilarating as it is, requires periods of rest. The hero of the picture seems to have been aware of this, and hence has laid aside his fishing trappings for a while, and given himself up to the perusal of some interesting book. There is no more rational and profitable way of employing our intervals of rest and leisure, than in just such occupation as that in which he is engaged, and his example, therefore, is well worthy of imitation, especially by the young.

More are drowned in the bowl than in the sea.

WHY IS IT FORBIDDEN?

Many persons who are not Christians want to have their children baptized; but our Church Constitution forbids it, in these words (Article 119): "A child may be baptized if one of the parents be a communicant member; but if neither of them be such, it must remain for the present unbaptized, agreeably to 1 Cor. vii. 14."

Why is it forbidden? Simply because such parents cannot fulfill the baptismal vows. How can those renounce the Devil, the world and the flesh for their children, who have not first done so for themselves? How can parents confess Christ in this Sacrament for their children, who yet deny Him in their own life? Especially how can they train up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, who themselves are not walking in the ordinances of the Lord? They cannot; and therefore the Constitution forbids their taking these vows.

We baptize the children of Christians, because there we have some assurance of their being faithfully taught and piously trained in the doctrines and duties of our holy religion; just as you plant seed, not on the roadside, but in a garden or field, where it will be protected and cultivated.

Persons often try to remove the difficulty by offering some one else to stand for the child, a relative or friend, who is a Christian; but the pastor must still refuse, for the simple reason that such friend will not have the child under his or her care, and of course cannot possibly fulfill the solemn vow to "bring it up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." If the baptismal vows needed only *to be made*, this friend could do it, being a Christian; but if the vows must also be fulfilled, then he cannot do it.

Beware of perjury in this form. Study this matter, and you will soon see why the pastor is not allowed to baptize your child. Do not think hard of him for refusing. Indeed the Constitution forbids him baptizing the children of even such members as are not in good standing, that is, faithful communicants; since they also, so long as they continue such, cannot fulfill these vows.

A PIOUS Quaker in Philadelphia was asked how he got rich. He answered, "BY GIVING AWAY. I go about doing good with my money; and so God intrusts me with more and more."

JULY,

7th Month, 31 Days.

1871.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. d.	Aspects of Planets and other Miscellanies.	s. al'w rises m.	Sun rises h. m.	Sun sets h. m.	O. style
Saturday	1 H. Voes	Acts 17: 15; 18: 11	3 38	 11	♂ in per. ♀ sets 10 2	3 4	36 7	24 19	
27] 4th Sunday after Trinity. St. Luke 6: 36-42; Rom. 8: 18-23. Day's Length, 14 hrs., 48 min.									
Sunday	2 Visit. V. M.	1 Thess. 1	♂ rises. 8 42	 25	♂ 2d. ♀ ♂ h s. 11 49	4 4	36 7	24 20	
Monday	3 Otto, Bishop	" 2: 1-16	8 42	 8	♂ in Apogee	4 4	37 7	23 21	
Tuesday	4 Ulrich	" 2: 17; 3	9 26	 21	♂ sets 12 16	4 4	37 7	23 22	
Wednesday	5 Lord Cobham	" 4	10 5	 4	Regulus sets 9 45	4 4	37 7	23 23	
Thursday	6 John Huss	" 5	10 37	 17	Antares south 9 26	4 4	38 7	22 24	
Friday	7 Willibald	2 Thes. 1; 2: 1-12	11 10	 29	♂ ♀ ♀ 7* rises 1 6	4 4	38 7	22 25	
Saturday	8 Kilian	" 2: 13; 3	11 42	 11	Arctur sets 2 9	5 4	39 7	21 26	
28] 5th Sunday after Trinity. St. Luke 5: 1-11; 1 Pet. 3: 8-15. Day's Length, 14 hrs., 42 min.									
Sunday	9 Ephraim the Syr.	Gal. 1: 1-10	morn. 12 12	 24	♂ 9th. ♀ sets 9 50	5 4	39 7	21 27	
Monday	10 Wm. of Orange	Acts 18: 12; 19: 1-10	12 12	 4	♂ h south 11 21	5 4	39 7	21 28	
Tuesday	11 Placidus	Gal. 1: 11; 2: 1-14	12 42	 16	♂ ♀ ♀ superior	5 4	40 7	20 29	
Wednesday	12 Henry II.	" 2: 15; 3: 1-14	1 10	 29	Spica sets 11 14	5 4	40 7	20 30	
Thursday	13 Eugenius	" 3: 15	1 44	 11	♂ in apo. Orion rises 3 50	5 4	41 7	19 2	
Friday	14 Bonaventura	" 4	2 14	 23	♂ ♀ ♀ ♀ sets 11 41	5 4	42 7	18 2	
Saturday	15 Answer	" 5 & 6	2 41	 6	♂ Altair south 12 7	6 4	42 7	18 3	
29] 6th Sunday after Trinity. St. Matthew 5: 20-26; Rom. 6: 3-11. Day's Length, 14 hrs., 34 min.									
Sunday	16 Anna Askew	1 Cor. 1	3 11	 19	♂ gr. Hel. Lat. N. ♀ ♀ ♀	6 4	43 7	17 4	
Monday	17 Speratus & 11 co.	" 2	♂ sets. 8 20	 3	♂ 17th. ♀ ♀ ♀ {Dog Days begin.	6 4	44 7	16 5	
Tuesday	18 Arnolph	" 3; 4: 1-4	8 20	 16	♂ ♀ ♀ ♀ g. El. E.	6 4	45 7	15 6	
Wednesday	19 Louisa Henrietta	" 4: 5; 5: 1-8	8 56	 0	♂ ♀ ♀ ♀ h south 10 40	6 4	45 7	15 7	
Thursday	20 John Marteilhe	" 5: 9; 6	9 26	 14	♂ in ♀ Rigel rises 3 36	6 4	46 7	14 8	
Friday	21 Eberhard	" 7	9 59	 28	♂ ♀ ♀ ♀ sets 9 18	6 4	47 7	13 9	
Saturday	22 Mary Magdalen	" 8 & 9	10 29	 13	Regulus sets 8 40	6 4	48 7	12 10	
30] 7th Sunday after Trinity. St. Mark 8: 1-9; Rom. 6: 19-23. Day's length, 14 hrs., 24 min.									
Sunday	23 Godfr. v. Harnell	1 Cor. 10; 11: 1	10 59	 27	♂ ♀ ♀ ♀ Centers	6 4	48 7	12 11	
Monday	24 Thos. A. Kempis	" 11: 2	11 28	 11	♂ sets 11 2	6 4	49 7	11 12	
Tuesday	25 St. James	" 12: 1-30	11 59	 25	♂ 25th. Spica sets 10 25	6 4	50 7	10 13	
Wednesday	26 Christopher	" 12: 31; 13	morn. 12 38	 9	Pollux sets 8 15	6 4	51 7	9 14	
Thursday	27 Raym. Palmarius	" 14	12 38	 23	♂ h south 10 6	6 4	52 7	8 15	
Friday	28 Jno. Seb. Bach	" 15: 1-34	1 19	 7	♂ ♀ sets 9 4	6 4	53 7	7 16	
Saturday	29 Olaus	" 15: 35; 16	2 16	 20	♂ in per. ♀ ♀ h	6 4	53 7	7 17	
31] 8th Sunday after Trinity. St. Matthew 7: 15-23; Rom. 8: 12-17. Day's Length, 14 hrs., 12 min.									
Sunday	30 John Wessel	Acts 19: 11; 20: 1	3 14	 4	♂ Wega south 9 55	5 4	54 7	6 18	
Monday	31 Jno. Cas. Schade	2 Cor. 1: 1-22	♂ rises. 4 17	 17	♂ 31st. Aldeb. ri. 12 49	6 4	55 7	5 19	

MOON'S PHASES,

Full Moon, 2d day, 8 o'clock, 32 min. Morning.
 Last Quarter, 9th " 8 " 4 " Morning.
 New Moon, 17th " 12 " 21 " Afternoon.
 First Quarter, 25th " 12 " 45 " Morning.
 Full Moon, 31st " 4 " 10 " Afternoon.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, rain; 3, 4, 5, warm; 6, 7, warmest days; 8, 9, 10, 11, variable; 12, 13, thunder showers; 14, 15, 16, clear; 17, 18, 19, warm; 20, 21, 22, clear; 23, 24, variable; 25, 26, rain; 27, 28, 29, clear; 30, 31, warm.



JULY.

"The harvest is the end of the world." "Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." *That!* How solemn a warning to sow only good seed (kind words, right actions, the seed of truth, and holy example), in order that our harvest may be good and glorious! In this life already we reap part of our sowing; but after all the sowing and growing of our earthly life, will come a final and full harvest, for the whole race, at the end of the world,—

"When angel reapers shall descend
And Heaven sing harvest home."

THE word "German" has now, by action of the Classes East and West, been dropped from our Church title; it now is, "THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA."

CATECHIZATION IN 1536.

In the very beginning of the Reformation, large and small catechisms were prepared for the instruction of the people, especially the young. The Swiss Church Confession, prepared in Basel in 1536, says "Those pastors act most wisely, who early and diligently catechise the youth, early lay the foundation of faith in their minds, teaching them the first principles of our religion, explaining to them the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, the design of the Sacraments, besides the other principal matters pertaining to religion. The Church will show its faithfulness and diligence, in holding the children *closely to the Catechism*, and will desire to have its children instructed."

With regular weekly family catechisation, daily catechisation in the parochial school, and faithful frequent pastoral instruction, no wonder the Protestant faith took deep root.

In this country, however, where we have no Christian schools with daily catechisation, how faithfully every family should teach the children! How much we need catechisms in every Sunday-School! Only in this way can we raise up a strong healthy Christian people.

LOSS OR GAIN; WHICH?

You well-meaning people who are refusing or neglecting to take the Church paper, have no idea how much you are losing every year! So many sermons; such fine articles on a hundred Church subjects; all the facts in regard to what the Classes and Synods are doing; how the colleges and seminaries are prospering; where your money goes to; how the work of Missions and Beneficiary Education is succeeding;—all this and a hundred other things in the way of information you are losing; besides much sound and interesting reading, which would go far toward making yourself and children more intelligent, useful and happy.































Now over against this heavy loss, tell me, what are you gaining by not taking your Church paper?

THE Church Year is divided into two equal parts. The first half, from Advent to Trinity Sunday, refers to what God has done for us; the second half, from the first Sunday after Trinity to Advent, refers to our duties of thankfulness to God.

AUGUST,

8th Month, 31 Days.

1871.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. d.	Aspects of Planets and other Miscellanies.	s. m.	Sun rises h. m.	Sun sets h. m.	O. style
Tuesday	1 Maccabees	2 Cor. 1, 23; 2	8 0	 0	♂ sets 8 59	♂	6 4 56	7 4 20	
Wednesday	2 Mar. under Nero	" 3; 4:1-6	8 33	 12	♂ sets 10 46		6 4 57	7 3 21	
Thursday	3 Wm. Thorp	" 4:7:5:10	9 1	 25	♂ south 9 30		6 4 58	7 2 22	
Friday	4 Leonard Käser	" 5:11; 6:7:1	9 26	 7	Orion rises 2 20		6 4 59	7 1 23	
Saturday	5 Salzbg's Evang.	" 7: 2	10 0	 19	7* rises 11 6		6 5 0	7 0 24	
32] 9th Sunday after Trinity. St. Luke 16: 1-9; 1 Cor. 10: 6-13. Day's Length, 13 hrs., 58 min.									
Sunday	6 Transfiguration	2 Cor. 8	10 28	 1	♂ Antares south 7 14	♂	6 5 1	6 59 25	
Monday	7 Nonna	" 9	11 0	 13	♂ 7th. Altair so. 10 37		5 5 2	6 58 26	
Tuesday	8 Hormesdas	" 10	11 35	 25	♂ in ♂. ♀ sets 8 49		5 5 4	6 56 27	
Wednesday	9 Numidicus	" 11	morn.	 7	Sirius rises 4 19		5 5 5	6 55 28	
Thursday	10 Laurentius	" 12: 1-18	12 8	 19	♂ in apo. ♂ sets 10 36		5 5 6	6 54 29	
Friday	11 Greg. of Utrecht	" 12: 19; 13	12 48	 2	♂ Wega south 9 9	♂	5 5 7	6 53 30	
Saturday	12 An. of Havelb'g	Acts 20: 1-3	1 34	 14	Fomal south 1 21		5 5 8	6 52 31	
33] 10th Sunday after Trinity. St. Luke 19: 41-48; 1 Cor. 12: 5-11. Day's Length, 13 hrs., 42 min.									
Sunday	13 Cnt. Zinzendorf	Rom. 1: 1-17	2 20	 27	♂ ♀ ♀. ♀ rises 2 30		5 5 9	6 51 4	A
Monday	14 James Guthrie	" 1: 18-31	3 2	 11	♂ ♀ ♀. ♀ south 8 41		4 5 10	6 50 2	2
Tuesday	15 Asm. V. Mary	" 2	3 46	 25	♂ Altair south 10 6		4 5 11	6 49 3	3
Wednesday	16 John of Saxony	" 3	♂ sets	 10	♂ 16th. Orion ris. 1 12		4 5 12	6 48 4	4
Thursday	17 John Gerhard	" 4	8 6	 25	Sirius rises 3 45		4 5 14	6 46 5	5
Friday	18 Hugo Grotius	" 5: 1-11	8 40	 9	♂ ♀ ♀. ♀ sets 10 24		4 5 15	6 45 6	6
Saturday	19 Sebaldus	" 5: 12-21	9 11	 24	♀ ♀ ♀. ♀ sets 8 10		3 5 16	6 44 7	7
34] 11th Sunday after Trinity. St. Luke 18: 9-14; 1 Cor. 15: 1-10. Day's Length, 13 hrs., 26 min.									
Sunday	20 Bernard of Clair.	Rom. 6	9 41	 8	♀ gr. Brilliancy		3 5 17	6 43 8	8
Monday	21 For. Mis. of Mor.	" 7	10 12	 22	♂ ♀ ♀. ♀ gr. Elong. E.		3 5 18	6 42 9	9
Tuesday	22 Symphonanus	" 8: 1-15	10 49	 6	♂ sets 8 16		3 5 20	6 40 10	10
Wednesday	23 Gasp. de Coligne	" 8: 16-39	11 29	 20	♂ 23d. Oenters		2 5 21	6 39 11	11
Thursday	24 Bartholomew	" 9: 1-13	morn.	 4	♂ ♀ rises 2 9	♂	2 5 22	6 38 12	12
Friday	25 Louis IX.	" 9: 14-33	12 17	 17	♂ ♀ ♀. ♀ sets 12 48		2 5 23	6 37 13	13
Saturday	26 Ulfilas	" 10	1 10	 0	♂ in per. ♀ sets 10 8		2 5 24	6 36 14	14
35] 12th Sunday after Trinity. St. Mark 7: 31-37; 2 Cor. 3: 4-11. Day's length, 13 hrs., 10 min.									
Sunday	27 Jovinian	Rom. 11	2 12	 12	♀ sets 7 50		1 5 25	6 35 15	15
Monday	28 Aug. of Heppo	" 12	3 16	 26	Dog Days End		1 5 27	6 33 16	16
Tuesday	29 John Bapt. B'd	" 13	4 20	 8	♂ Altair south 9 12		1 5 28	6 32 17	17
Wednesday	30 Claud. of Turin	" 14	♂ rises.	 31	♂ 30th. Wega so. 7 56		1 5 29	6 31 18	18
Thursday	31 Aidan	" 15: 1-13	7 41	 3	♀ rises 1 53		0 5 31	6 29 19	19

MOON'S PHASES,

Last Quarter, 7th day, 11 o'clock, 18 min. Evening.
 New Moon, 16th " 1 " 57 " Morning.
 First Quarter, 23d " 6 " 33 " Morning.
 Full Moon, 30th " 1 " 19 " Morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, variable; 4, 5, fair; 6, 7, thunder showers; 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, clear and dry; 13, 14, 15, variable; 16, 17, rain; 18, 19, 20, clear; 21, 22, fair; 23, 24, 25, variable; 26, 27, thunder showers; 28, 29, fair; 30, 31, clear.



The heat of August is often very great, and sometimes the cause of much discomfort. Even in the midst of the warmest season, however, much can be done by ourselves to make time pass pleasantly and profitably. In the picture, the young girl is seated under the shade reading from some interesting book to her brother, while he is leaning against the tree listening, and fanning his sister. By proper little attentions much can be done in social and family circles, to contribute to our mutual comfort and enjoyment.

EARLY in the fourth century, already the Christian festivals of Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost, were fixed in the Church Year, and ruled the worship of those seasons.

UNTHANKFUL CONGREGATIONS.

Few persons know how much time, labor, thought, anxiety and even money the elders and deacons must spend in carrying forward the interests of the people. All this is given, of course, without any pay, except as the Lord rewards good works; yet very many congregations never think so far as to say "thank you." This is plain ingratitude.

The same may be said in regard to the great amount of time, labor and care, which faithful Sunday School officers and teachers devote to the children of the congregation. Indeed they often receive more blame than thanks. A few kind and thankful souls appreciate such services; but many are unthankful.

Take courage and comfort, then, ye faithful servants of the Lord. Your master knows your "works, and charity, and service, and faith, and patience" (Rev. 2: 19), and your reward is sure. Let the love of Christ continue to constrain you, making you always to abound in the work of the Lord. What a great work some humble, earnest souls are doing, although men take little notice of it!

THE REFORMERS WANTED LITURGIES.

Rev. Dr. Schaff in the *Mercersburg Review* of 1858, page 202, says:—






























"The German Reformed Church, like all the Churches of the Reformation, is originally liturgical. Zwingli, Calvin, Bucer, and even John Knox, as well as Luther and Melancthon, Cranmer, Latimer and Ridley, were all in favor of a fixed and settled order of public worship, that should serve as a guide to the minister, and secure decency, dignity and harmony to the exercises of the Sanctuary.

Their object was not to overthrow, but to purify, to simplify and to adapt the ancient devotional forms, which had been handed down from the previous life of the Church, to transfer them from the Latin into the vernacular tongues, and to enrich them with new forms that should embody and perpetuate the peculiar spirit of evangelical Protestantism. Hence the great number of liturgies and sacred hymns, which sprung up in the sixteenth century, during and after the pentecostal days of the Reformation."

SEPTEMBER,

9th Month, 30 Days.

1871.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. d.	Aspects of Planets and other Miscellanies.	s. fast m.	Sun rises h. m.	Sun sets h. m.	O. style
Friday	1 Hanna	Rom. 15: 14-33	8 22	 15	♀ sets 7 30	☾	0 5 32	6 28 20	
Saturday	2 Mamas	" 16	8 48	 27	♂ sets 9 56		0 5 33	6 27 21	
36] 13th Sunday after Trinity. St. Luke 10: 23-27; Gal. 3: 15-22. Day's Length, 12 hrs., 52 min.									
Sunday	3 Hildegard	Acts 20	9 14	 9	♀ stationary		1 5 34	6 26 22	
Monday	4 Ida	" 21	9 42	 21	♂ sets 12 28		1 5 35	6 25 23	
Tuesday	5 John Mollio	" 22; 23	10 16	 3	☾ Spica sets 7 55		1 5 37	6 23 24	
Wednesday	6 Matthias Weibel	" 24; 25	10 54	 15	☾ 6th. Sirius ris. 2 37		2 5 38	6 22 25	
Thursday	7 Laz. Spangler	" 26	11 38	 27	☾ in apo. ♀ stationary ☾		2 5 39	6 21 26	
Friday	8 Corbinian	" 27	morn.	 9	♂ gr. Hel. Lat. S. ☿		2 5 40	6 20 27	
Saturday	9 Gorgonius	" 28	12 30	 27	♀ sets 6 59		3 5 42	6 18 28	
37] 14th Sunday after Trinity. St. Luke 17: 11-19; Gal. 5: 16-24. Day's Length, 12 hrs., 34 min.									
Sunday	10 Paul Speratus	Eph. 1: 1-14	1 32	 5	♂ ☾ ♀. ♀ rises 1 30		3 5 43	6 17 29	
Monday	11 John Brenz.	" 1, 15; 2, 1-10	2 30	 19	♂ sets 9 30		3 5 44	6 16 30	
Tuesday	12 Dionys's Peloq'n	" 2, 11; 3	3 22	 4	♂ sets 12 10		4 5 46	6 14 31	
Wednesday	13 Wm. Farel	" 4, 1-17	4 14	 18	☾ Aldebaran ris. 10 6		4 5 47	6 13 32	
Thursday	14 Cyprian	" 4, 18	☾ sets.	 3	☾ 14th. ♂ ☾ ☿		4 5 48	6 12 2	
Friday	15 Ar. V. Gournb'h	" 5; 6: 1-9	7 18	 18	♀ gr. Hel. Lat. S. ♂ ☾ ♀		5 5 49	6 11 3	
Saturday	16 Euphemia	" 6: 10	7 50	 3	♀ sets 6 30		5 5 51	6 9 4	
38] 15th Sunday after Trinity. St. Matthew 6: 24-34; Gal. 5: 25-6: 10. Day's Length, 12 hrs., 16 min.									
Sunday	17 Lambert	Col. 1	8 22	 18	♂ ☿ ☾ inferior.		5 5 52	6 8 5	
Monday	18 A.G. Spangenb'g	" 2; 3: 1-14	8 57	 3	♀ rises 1-11		6 5 53	6 7 6	
Tuesday	19 Thos. of St. Paul	" 3: 5; 4	9 36	 17	♂ ☾ ☿. ♂ sets 9 10		6 5 55	6 5 7	
Wednesday	20 Emberday	Philemon	10 41	 1	☾ in per. ☿. 7* ris. 8 14 ☾		6 5 56	6 4 8	
Thursday	21 Matthew	Phil. 1: 1-20	11 52	 14	☾ 21 ♂ ☾ ♀. ♀ s. 11 44		7 5 58	6 2 9	
Friday	22 Maritius	" 1: 27; 2	morn.	 27	☾ Markab south 11 2		7 5 59	6 1 10	
Saturday	23 5 Mar. of Gen'a	" 3; 4	12 44	 10	☾ Centers ☿. Day and Night Equal.		7 6 0	6 0 11	
39] 16th Sunday after Trinity. St. Luke 7: 11-17; Eph. 3: 13-21. Days Length, 11 hrs., 58 min.									
Sunday	24 John J. Moser	1 Tim. 1	1 50	 23	Autumn Commences		8 6 1	5 59 12	
Monday	25 Augsb'g Treaty	" 2	2 56	 5	♂ stationary		8 6 3	5 57 13	
Tuesday	26 Lisba	" 3: 1; 13	3 59	 17	♂ ☿ ☾ inferior. ☐ ♀ ☾		9 6 4	5 56 14	
Wednesday	27 Phil. Graveron	" 3: 13; 5: 10	5 8	 29	☾ Sirius rises 1 23		9 6 5	5 55 15	
Thursday	28 P. Heisteden	" 4: 11-4: 16	☾ rises.	 11	☾ 28th. ♀ sets 8 52		9 6 7	5 53 16	
Friday	29 Michael	" 5: 17	6 48	 23	♂ rises 12 49		10 6 8	5 52 17	
Saturday	30 Jerome	" 6	7 14	 5	Rigel rises 10 15		10 6 9	5 51 18	

Venus (♀) in his inferior conjunction with the Sun, nearest to the earth, passes from Evn'g to Morning Star.

MOON'S PHASES,

Last Quarter,	6th day,	5 o'clock, 11 min.	Evening.
New Moon,	14th "	2 "	13 " Afternoon.
First Quarter,	21st "	12 "	19 " Afternoon.
Full Moon,	28th "	12 "	53 " Afternoon.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, pleasant; 4, 5, 6, variable; 7, 8, 9, 10, rain with storm; 11, 12, 13, fair; 14, 15, clear; 16, 17, cloudy; 18, 19, rain; 20, 21, 22, stormy; 23, 24, 25, clear; 26, 27, 28, fair; 29, 30, rain.

SEPTEMBER.



SEPTEMBER.

It is often said, that "all things were made for man." This is true in a modified sense. Man, however, must not abuse the gifts of Providence. Every thing must be used in its season, and with becoming moderation and propriety. What is commonly known as "game," forms a very proper as well as savory article of food. In securing it, however, we should carefully avoid all unnecessary cruelty. The creatures of God, in being appropriated to our use for food, should be subjected to as little pain as possible. September, as indicated by the picture, is the month particularly adapted to hunting, and many find much pleasure in this kind of employment.

We should use a book as a bee does a flower.

IS THE REFORMED CHURCH A SMALL BODY?

Our Church in the United States is small, when compared with some other denominations; but when we turn to Europe, our figures run very high. The German Almanac of last year gives the following statement of the number of members of the Reformed Church in Europe, not including Great Britain, and the large number now in the *United Church of Germany*:

In Switzerland,	1,418,000
In Germany,	500,000
In France,	400,000
In Holland,	1,860,000
In Russia,	200,000
In Hungary,	1,453,000
In Siebenbergen, (Transylvania),	297,400
In Austria,	119,000

6,247,400

The Reformed membership in this country is sometimes quite easily swallowed up in statistics by putting us in the general or "lump" list; and the loss is not much noticed, even if we are omitted altogether; but not so with six millions.

ARE YOU LEARNING?

Part of your pastor's business is to teach you. So he carefully prepares his sermons, explaining Christian doctrine and duty, for you not only to hear but also to carry away with you. Now think back over the past six months, and consider how much of his teaching you have really kept. Perhaps you will see how much need there is for more careful hearing, and careful keeping in mind what is taught. Some persons on returning home note down the text or subject, or both, and what they can recall of the sermon. This is a very good plan. It not only makes them sharper hearers, and impresses the sermon more deeply, but the very exercise in writing it down is useful in many ways, besides giving you a good record of truth for occasional reference.

THERE is not half so much wickedness in the gross idolatry of the heathen, as there is in the shameful indifference (the practical infidelity) of men in our land. The one is without knowledge; the other is against all light and knowledge.

OCTOBER,

10th Month, 31 Days.

1871.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. d.	Aspects of Planets and other Miscellanies.	s. fast m.	Sun rises h. m.	Sun sets h. m.	O. style
40] 17th Sunday after Trinity. St. Luke 14: 1-11; Eph. 4: 1-16. Day's Length, 11 hrs., 38 min.									
Sunday	1 Remigius	Titus 1	7 47	17	♂ sets 8 40		10 6 11	5 49	19
Monday	2 Chr. Schmid	" 2	8 26	29	♂ sets 11 8		10 6 12	5 48	20
Tuesday	3 The two Ewaldes	" 3	8 59	11	♀ gr. Elong. West		11 6 13	5 47	21
Wednesday	4 Franciscus	2 Tim. 1	9 39	23	♀ rises 5 10 Nor. St.		11 6 15	5 45	22
Thursday	5 Petro Carnesec.	" 2	10 27	5	♂ in apo. ♂ ♀ ♀. ♀.		11 6 16	5 44	23
Friday	6 Henry Albert	" 3	11 24	18	♂ 6th. Sirius ris. 12 48		12 6 17	5 43	24
Saturday	7 Theodore Beza	" 4	morn.	0	♂ ♀ ♀. ♀ ris. 12 29		12 6 19	5 41	25
41] 18th Sunday after Trinity. St. Matthew 22: 34-46; 1 Cor. 1: 4-9. Day's Length, 11 hrs., 20 min.									
Sunday	8 Robt. of Lincoln	Heb. 1	12 28	14	♂ sets 8 19		12 6 20	5 40	26
Monday	9 Dionysius Areo.	" 2	1 34	28	Andromeda south 11 2		13 6 21	5 39	27
Tuesday	10 Justus Jonas	" 3; 4	2 39	12	♂ sets 10 32		13 6 23	5 37	28
Wednesday	11 Ulrich Zwingli	" 5	3 59	26	♂ ♀. ♀ rises 4 39		13 6 24	5 36	29
Thursday	12 Henry Bullinger	" 6	4 44	12	♀ gr. Hel. Lat. N. ♂ ♀		13 6 25	5 35	30
Friday	13 Elizabeth Frey	" 7	5 18	27	♂ rises 5 2		14 6 26	5 34	O
Saturday	14 Nich. Ridley	" 8	♂ sets.	12	14th. ♀ stationary		14 6 27	5 33	2
42] 19th Sunday after Trinity. St. Matthew 9: 1-8; Eph. 4: 17-32. Day's Length, 11 hrs., 2 min.									
Sunday	15 Aurelia	Heb. 9: 1-14	6 18	27	♂ rises 12 10		14 6 29	5 31	3
Monday	16 Gallus	" 9: 15	7 2	12	♂ in per. ♀ Neptune		14 6 30	5 30	4
Tuesday	17 Rev. Edi. of Nan.	" 10: 1-18	8 0	26	♂ ♀. ♂ sets 7 58		14 6 31	5 29	5
Wednesday	18 St. Luke	" 10: 19	9 8	10	♂. Altair south 6 10		15 6 32	5 28	6
Thursday	19 Bruno	" 11	10 16	24	♂ ♀. ♀ sets 10 0		15 6 33	5 27	7
Friday	20 F. Lamb't of Avi	" 12	11 24	7	20th. ♀ rises 4 11		15 6 35	5 25	8
Saturday	21 Hilarion	" 13	morn.	20	Sirius rises 11 53		15 6 36	5 24	9
43] 20th Sunday after Trinity. St. Matthew 22: 1-14; Eph. 5: 15-21. Day's Length, 10 hrs., 44 min.									
Sunday	22 Hedwig	Matt. 3	12 26	2	♂ ♀. ♀ rises 11 56		15 6 38	5 22	10
Monday	23 Henry Martin	" 4: 1-22	1 34	14	♂ centers		16 6 39	5 21	11
Tuesday	24 Arethas	" 4:23; 5:1-12	2 41	27	♂ ♀. Orion rises 9 24		16 6 40	5 20	12
Wednesday	25 John Herz	" 5: 13-32	3 44	9	Regulus rises 9 38		16 6 41	5 19	13
Thursday	26 Frederick III	" 5: 33-48	4 46	21	Rigel rises 9 32		16 6 42	5 18	14
Friday	27 Frumentius	" 6	5 45	2	7* ris. 6 2		16 6 44	5 16	15
Saturday	28 Simon and Jude	" 7	♂ rises.	14	28th. ♂ sets 7 40		16 6 45	5 15	16
44] 21st Sunday after Trinity. St. John 4: 46-54; Eph. 6: 10-20. Day's Length, 12 hrs., 28 min.									
Sunday	29 Alfred the Great	Matt. 8: 1-17	6 18	26	♀ rises 3 46		16 6 46	5 14	17
Monday	30 Jacob Sturm	" 8: 18-34	7 2	8	♂ sets 9 20		16 6 47	5 13	18
Tuesday	31 Fest. of Reform'n	" 9	7 44	20	♂ rises 11 10		16 6 48	5 12	19

MOON'S PHASES,

Last Quarter, 6th day, 12 o'clock, 41 min. Afternoon.
 New Moon, 14th " 1 " 33 " Morning.
 First Quarter, 20th " 7 " 10 " Evening.
 Full Moon, 28th " 3 " 30 " Morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, fair; 4, 5, 6, windy; 7, 8, 9, 10, clear; 11; 12, 13, variable; 14, rain; 16, 17, 18, clear; 19, 20, storm; 21, 22, variable; 23, 24, 25, rain; 26, 27, 28, clear; 29, 30, fair; 31, N. W. cloudy.



How beautifully and trustingly the Church at every communion season prays:—

‘ Vouchsafe unto us, we beseech Thee, favorable weather, that the fruits of the earth may ripen and be gathered in for us in due season.’

From God cometh the increase, after we have done all we can. You see this in Ps. lxxv. 9–13. In Amos iv. 6–9, we are told how He withholds His blessing. So it was in the time of Elijah (1 Kgs. xvii. 1; xviii. 1; Jas. v. 17, 18). How thankful, then, we should be, when God has vouchsafed unto us a plentiful harvest of all fruits! How sincerely we should keep “thanksgiving day”! How much of our means we should give the Lord as a thank-offering!

A faithful friend is the medicine of life.

KEEPING THE CHURCH FESTIVALS.

Many persons who make very light of keeping the Church festivals, will yet take great interest in keeping other days; for example 22d of February, 4th of July, May 30th, &c. Yet, if we dare compare these days of earthly interest with the Church days of heavenly interest, how thousand fold much more worthy of notice and proper observance are the birth-day of the Redeemer, His death-day, His Easter victory, His ascension into Heaven, and the wonderful coming of the Holy Ghost on Pentecost!

Celebrating the birth of Christ at Christmas, His death on Good Friday, His resurrection at Easter, and the coming of the Holy Ghost at Whitsuntide, does not mean that we may forget, or neglect these great facts at other times (any more than our honoring the birthday of Washington, or the Fourth of July, allows us to be ungrateful to our forefathers all the rest of the year). But keeping these Church festivals, and so celebrating the great facts in the history of redemption, is highly necessary for the young and old, in order that we may always understand and better keep in pious remembrance the great things which God has done for us. It is surprising how many persons do not know the meaning of even the great festivals of the Church. Some think these things belong only to the Roman Catholic Church. Others think they are only a modification of the ancient Greek and Roman festivities.

All this only shows how needful it is, that God’s people observe these Christian festivals for their own comfort and upbuilding in holy faith, and for the instruction of the young, according to Exodus xii. 26.

Accordingly the General Synod, which met in Philadelphia in November, 1869, took special action on this subject, and directed all our churches to have service on those days.































A DAILY SCRIPTURE LESSON.

Have you noticed it? In every month of the Almanac you have a column of Scripture lessons, one for each day. This will be a very good guide or help in your family worship, and daily private reading of God’s word. If you follow this order, reading carefully, and mark the passages read, you will be surprised to see how much you have read, and how much you have learned.

NOVEMBER,

11th Month, 30 Days.

1871.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h m.	Moon's Place. s. d.	Aspects of Planets and other Miscellanies.	s. fast m.	Sun rises h. m.	Sun sets h. m.	O. style
Wednesday	1 All Saints	Matt. 10	8 29	 2	♃ in apo. ♀ gr. bril. ♄. ♀	16 6	50 5	10 20	
Thursday	2 Victorinus	" 11	9 19	 14	♂ ♄ ☉ superior	16 6	51 5	9 21	
Friday	3 Pirminus	" 12	10 18	 27	♀ rises 3 39	16 6	52 5	8 22	
Saturday	4 John A. Bengel	" 13	11 16	 10	♃ ♄ ♃. ♃. ♃ rises 10 46	16 6	53 5	7 23	
45] 4th Sunday before Advent. St. Matthew 9: 18-26; Col. 1: 9-14. Day's Length, 10 hrs., 12 min.									
Sunday	5 Hans Egede	John 21: 1-23	morn.  22	5th. ♄ sets 7 28	16 6	54 5	6 24		
Monday	6 Gustav. Adolph.	1 John 1, 2	12 24  6	♃ stationary	16 6	56 5	4 25		
Tuesday	7 Willibrord	" 3	1 35  20	♃ sets 8 40	16 6	57 5	3 26		
Wednesday	8 Willehad	" 4	2 36  5	Regulus rises 8 44	16 6	58 5	2 27		
Thursday	9 John v. Staupitz	" 5	3 30  20	♂ ♃ ♀. ♀ rises 3 26	16 6	59 5	1 28		
Friday	10 M. Luther	2 John	4 39  5	Orion rises 8 22	16 7	0 5	0 29		
Saturday	11 Martin of Tours	3 John	5 41  20	Sirius rises 10 30	16 7	1 4	59 30		
46] 3d Sunday before Advent. St. Matthew 24: 15-28; 1 Thess. 4: 13-18. Day's Length, 9 hrs., 56 min.									
Sunday	12 Phil. de Mornay	Rev. 1	♃ sets.  5	12th. ♂ ♃ ♄	16 7	2 4	58 31		
Monday	13 Arcadius	" 2	5 59  20	♃ in per. ♃ se. 8 14	16 7	3 4	57 N		
Tuesday	14 Pet. Mart. Verm.	" 3	6 46  5	♄ in aphelion ☿.	15 7	4 4	56 2		
Wednesday	15 John Kepler	" 4; 5; 6	7 44  19	♃ ♂ ♃. ♃. ♄ sets 7 10	15 7	5 4	55 3		
Thursday	16 Casp. Creuziger	" 7; 8; 9; 1-12	8 46  3	♄ ♂ ♃. ♃ stationary	15 7	6 4	54 4		
Friday	17 Bernward	" 9; 13; 10; 11	9 51  16	♀ rises 3 19	15 7	7 4	53 5		
Saturday	18 Greg. Illuminat.	" 12; 13	10 59  29	♃ rises 9 53	15 7	8 4	52 6		
47] 2d Sunday before Advent. St. Matthew 25: 31-46; 2 Thess. 1: 3-10. Day's Length, 9 hrs., 42 min.									
Sunday	19 Elizab. of Hesse	Rev. 14: 1-13	morn.  11	19th. 7* ris. 12 7	14 7	9 4	51 7		
Monday	20 John Williams	" 14: 14	12 0  23	♃ Fomal south 7 8	14 7	10 4	50 8		
Tuesday	21 Columbanus	" 15	1 4  5	Rigel rises 7 48	14 7	11 4	49 9		
Wednesday	22 Jno. Oecolampadius	" 16: 1-8	2 12  17	♃ sets 7 41	14 7	12 4	48 10		
Thursday	23 Clemens Roman.	" 16: 9	3 28  29	☉ enters ♄	13 7	12 4	48 11		
Friday	24 John Knox	" 17	4 40  11	♄ sets 6 55	13 7	13 4	47 12		
Saturday	25 Catharine	" 18	5 58  23	Andromeda south 7 58	13 7	14 4	46 13		
48] 1st Sunday before Advent. St. Matthew 25: 1-13; 2 Pet. 3: 3-14. Day's Length, 9 hrs., 30 min.									
Sunday	26 Conrad	Rev. 19: 1-10	♃ rises.  5	26th. ♀ rises 3 17	12 7	15 4	45 14		
Monday	27 Marg't Blaarer	" 19: 11; 20: 1-3	5 30  17	♃ ris. 8 57	12 7	16 4	44 15		
Tuesday	28 Alex. Roussel	" 20: 4	6 12  29	♄. Sirius rises 9 28	12 7	17 4	43 16		
Wednesday	29 Saturninus	" 21: 1-8	7 0  11	♃ in apo.	11 7	17 4	43 17		
Thursday	30 Andrew.	" 21: 9; 22	7 44  24	Arctur rises 2 30	11 7	18 4	42 18		

MOON'S PHASES,

Last Quarter,	5th day,	8 o'clock, 11 min.	Morning.
New Moon,	12th "	12 " 24 "	Afternoon.
First Quarter,	19th "	4 " 0 "	Morning.
Full Moon,	26th "	9 " 6 "	Evening.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, frost; 4, 5, moderate; 6, 7, 8, 9, clear; 10, 11, cloudy; 12, 13, rain; 14, 15, clear; 16, 17, 18, fair; 19, 20, 21, N. W. cold; 22, 23, 24, clear; 25, 26, 27, 28, After Summer; 29, 30, cloudy with snow.



The approach of winter brings with it its wants. We need to be protected against the cold, and our Heavenly Father has been abundant in His provision for this purpose. The forest supplies us with fuel, but it must be gathered, and the present is the season of the year when this duty is to be specially attended to. In all the divine appointments for the comfort of man, things are not thrust into his possession, but must be secured by his own personal toil. They are, however, none the less, on that account, the gifts of a beneficent Providence.

THE LITURGIES OF OUR CHURCH.

The Reformed Church has always had a liturgy. First came the *Palatinate Liturgy*, published in Germany in 1567, just four years after the Heidel-

berg Catechism. It was used in the Fatherland for two hundred years. It had forms for all public worship; not only for the sacramental and festival services, but also for Sunday morning and afternoon, and for the week-day public worship.

Next came the *Mayer Liturgy*, published in Pennsylvania, in 1841. It had forms for marriage, ordination, installation, the sacraments, confirmation and a few special occasions; but not a single one for the regular Sunday services, or for any of the Church festivals. It does not contain even the Lord's Prayer, the Apostles' Creed or the Ten Commandments, to say nothing of the *Gloria in Excelsis*, *Te Deum*, the good old collects or any other of the sacred ancient forms. Of course it could not give satisfaction. In 1847, only six years afterward, steps were taken for a new liturgy.

This, when prepared, was the *Provisional Liturgy*, published in 1857, and handed down to the congregations for examination and trial. This contains forms for the Lord's Day, the Sacramental, festival and special services of the Church, and includes all the leading ancient prayers and sacred hymns, besides the Gospel, Epistle and Collect for each Sunday, twenty-eight family prayers, and above one hundred hymns. This was used till 1866, when the Eastern Synod prepared

The *Order of Worship*, a still better liturgy than the other. This is now before the Church, by permission of the General Synod, for examination and trial. Every family should own a copy, in order to see what it contains.

Some Ministers and Elders of the Church, especially in the west, having found serious objections to both the last two liturgies named, the General Synod allowed the preparation of another by the Synod of Ohio and the Northwestern Synod. These two bodies presented to the General Synod, in Philadelphia, in 1869, a book entitled

A Liturgy or Order of Worship for the Reformed Church, commonly called the *Western Liturgy*. It contains quite a number of forms for the Lord's day service, prayers and canticles for the festival days, prayers for days of thanksgiving, harvest festivals, &c., forms for administering the Sacraments, confirmation, ordination, installation, burials, &c., &c. This book, like the Eastern *Order of Worship*, was, by action of the General Synod, placed before the whole Church for examination and trial. All our Ministers say we must have a liturgy; the only question is in regard to the kind.

DECEMBER,

12th Month, 31 Days.

1871.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. d.	Aspects of Planets and other Miscellanies.	s. fast m.	Sun rises h. m.	Sun sets h. m.	O style
Friday	1 Eligius	Psalm 96	8 49	 6	♂ ♀ ♄. ♃. ♄ ris. 8 30	11 7	19 4	41 19	
Saturday	2 Ruysbrock	" 145	9 59	 19	♂ sets 6 44	10 7	19 4	41 20	
49] 1st Sunday in Advent. St. Matthew 21: 1-9; Rom. 13: 11-14. Day's Length, 9 hrs., 20 min.									
Sunday	3 Gerhard Groot	Pro. 8; Jn. 1: 1-14	10 40	 2	♂ sets 6 59	10 7	20 4	40 21	
Monday	4 Gerh. v. Zütphen	Gen. 11: 4-25	11 19	 16	♂ Sirius rises 8 50	10 7	20 4	40 22	
Tuesday	5 Crisperia	Matth. 19: 1-12	morn.	 0	♂ 5th. ♀ gr. Hel. Lat. S.	9 7	21 4	39 23	
Wednesday	6 Nicholas	Eph. 5: 22-33	12 36	 14	♀ gr. Elong. West	9 7	21 4	39 24	
Thursday	7 Paulus Odontius	1 Cor. 7	1 58	 29	♂ Orion rises 6 28	8 7	22 4	38 25	
Friday	8 Mart. Reinhard	Gen. 3	3 19	 14	♂ ♀ ♄. ♀ rises 3 20	8 7	22 4	38 26	
Saturday	9 Benj. Schmolck	" 8: 15; 9: 17	4 23	 28	7* south 10 36	8 7	23 4	37 27	
50] 2d Sunday in Advent. St. Luke 21: 25-36; Rom. 15: 4-13. Day's Length, 9 hrs., 14 min.									
Sunday	10 Paul Eber	Acts 17: 15-34	5 30	 14	♂ rises 7 51	7 7	23 4	37 28	
Monday	11 H'y v. Zütphen	Gen. 15	♂ sets.	 28	♂ 11th. ♀ ♄ ♄. ♃. ♄	7 7	23 4	37 29	
Tuesday	12 Spiridian	Deut. 5	5 15	 13	♂ in per. ♄ sets 6 39	6 7	24 4	36 30	
Wednesday	13 Odilia	Ex. 12	6 16	 26	♂ ♄ ♄. ♃. ♄ sets 6 0	6 7	24 4	36 31	
Thursday	14 Dioscorus	Deut. 27	7 20	 11	♀ in perihelion ♄ ♄ ♄	5 7	24 4	36 2	
Friday	15 Christiana	Rom. 7	8 26	 24	♀ gr. Elong. East	5 7	25 4	35 3	
Saturday	16 Adelheid	Levit. 16	9 31	 7	♀ sets 6 0	4 7	25 4	35 4	
51] 3d Sunday in Advent. St. Matthew 11: 2-10; 1 Cor. 4: 1-5. Day's Length, 9 hrs., 10 min.									
Sunday	17 Sturm	Isaiah 40; Jno. 5	10 38	 20	♀ rises 3 27	4 7	25 4	35 5	
Monday	18 Louis v. Seckendorf	1 Pet. 1: 3-12	11 40	 2	♂ 18th. ♄ ris. 7 2	3 7	25 4	35 6	
Tuesday	19 Clemens Alexandrinus	2 Sam. 7	morn.	 13	Wega sets 9 27	3 7	25 4	35 7	
Wednesday	20 Emberday	Joel 3	12 48	 25	Regulus rises 9 23	2 7	25 4	35 8	
Thursday	21 Thomas	Jer. 23	1 50	 8	Sirius rises 7 30	2 7	25 4	35 9	
Friday	22 Hugh McKail	" 31	2 56	 19	♂ enters ♄ Shortest day	1 7	26 4	34 10	
Saturday	23 Anna du Bourg	Isaiah 52: 13; 53	3 59	 1	Winter commences	1 7	25 4	35 11	
52] 4th Sunday in Advent. St. John 1: 19-31; Phil. 4: 4-7. Day's Length, 9 hrs., 10 min.									
Sunday	24 Adam and Eve	Isaiah 11: 1-10	5 10	 12	♂ Orion rises 5 10	sun	7 25	4 35	12
Monday	25 Christmas	Heb. 1	6 24	 24	♂ ♄. ♀ rises 3 31	sl'w	7 25	4 35	13
Tuesday	26 Stephen	Psalm 11; 110	♂ rises.	 7	♂ 26th. ♄ in apo.	1 7	25 4	35 14	
Wednesday	27 John Evan.	Isaiah 45; 49	5 35	 19	7* south 9 17	1 7	25 4	35 15	
Thursday	28 Innocents	Rom. 8: 8	6 39	 3	♂ ♄ ♄. ♃. ♄ rises 29	2 7	25 4	35 16	
Friday	29 David	1 Cor. 8: 1-6	7 42	 15	Rigel south 10 36	2 7	25 4	35 17	
Saturday	30 Christ'n of Wurtemb'g	Rom. 5; Col. 1	8 50	 29	♂ in perihelion	3 7	24 4	36 18	
53] Sunday after Christmas. St. Matthew 1: 18-25; Gal. 4: 1-7. Day's Length, 9 hrs., 12 min.									
Sunday	31 John Wieliff	Psalm 90; 103	9 58	 13	♂ in perigee	3 7	24 4	36 19	

MOON'S PHASES,

Last Quarter, 5th day, 1 o'clock, 54 min. Morning.
 New Moon, 11th " 7 " Evening.
 First Quarter, 18th " 3 " 44 " Afternoon.
 Full Moon, 26th " 4 " 33 " Evening.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, cold; 3, 4, 5, cloudy; 6, 7, snow; 8, 9, 10, clear,
 cold; 11, 12, snow; 13, 14, 15, N. W. cold; 16, 17, 18,
 moderate; 19, 20, rain and snow; 21, 22, 23, clear; 24,
 25, 26, cold; 27, 28, 29, moderate; 30, 31, fair.

DECEMBER.



These persons on Christmas eve are going from house to house, singing:

A child is born in Bethlehem,
In Bethlehem;
There's joy through all Jerusalem,
Allelujah! Allelujah! Allelujah!

How soft and sweet their music! Both words and tune carry our thoughts back to the wonderful things which came to pass so long ago, and which have ever since filled the world with joy.

Christ was born on Christmas day,
Wreath the holly, twine the bay,
Christ was born on Christmas day,
The Babe, the Son,
The Holy One of Mary.
He is born to set us free;
He is born our Lord to be;
Christ was born on Christmas day.

HOW TO KEEP CHRISTMAS.

For many people the whole meaning of Christmas centers in the kitchen and bake-oven; and children get no higher idea of this Christian Church festival, than that it is a time to "catch" friends and receive presents.

No, no. Give it its full Christian meaning. Decorate your churches and homes with evergreens; have divine service, with Christmas hymns, prayers and preaching; and so invest the day with sacred interest. Let your family joy and the social side of the season rest on a Christian basis. Why shall you at all notice the day, if not in the Church? What meaning has it, apart from this? The world's preparations, greetings and gifts are only a mockery of the holy day; but let Christians keep the day aright.

ADVENT.

Why are there just four weeks in Advent? To remind us of the four thousand years between the first Adam and the second, between Eden and Gethsemane, between the fall and the atonement; during which God was preparing the whole human race for the coming of the Saviour. Also to remind us of the four hundred years that lie between the Old Testament and the New, between Malachi and John the Baptist, during which God gave to His people no revelation by either dream, vision, angel or prophet.

THE OLD YEAR.

Look back over the past year. When its last hours are passing, you must be a very thoughtless, yea a reckless, man or woman, not to feel that they are solemn hours. How much is pressed into these twelve months—joy and sorrow, sin and repentance, hope and fear! How little we recollect of all this; but how full is God's record! All your work is done, or at least its time has passed; and the labor and sins of twelve months are written in Heaven. If you are a Christian, you will humbly and believingly kneel down and commit all your interests of body, soul and possessions to the loving care and gracious Providence of the Heavenly Father for the New Year; praying that it may bring you peace and prosperity, and that if your earthly life shall end before another New Year's Eve, you may die in peace and rest in hope of a blessed resurrection.

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NAME.	WHERE PUBLISHED.	HOW OFTEN ISSUED.
<i>English—</i>		
Reformed Church Messenger,.....	54 North Sixth Street, Philadelphia, Pa.....	Weekly.
Christian World,	176 Elm Street, Cincinnati, Ohio.....	"
Reformed Missionary,	Forster, Illinois.....	Monthly.
The Guardian,	54 North Sixth Street, Philadelphia, Pa.....	"
Child's Treasury,	" " " " " ".....	"
Mercersburg Review,.....	" " " " " ".....	Quarterly.
<i>German—</i>		
Reformirte Kirchenzeitung,	54 North Sixth Street, Philadelphia, Pa.....	Weekly.
Der Evangelist,	Cleveland, Ohio.....	"
Reformirte Hausfreund,	Reading, Pa.....	Every other week.
Der Lämmerhirt,	54 North Sixth Street, Philadelphia, Pa.....	Monthly.
Sonntagschul-Blatt,	Cleveland, Ohio.....	"
Reformirte Wächter,.....	" " " " " ".....	Quarterly.

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Butler, Butler County, Pa.....	REV. C. A. LIMBERG.....	28

DEATH OF MINISTERS FROM SEPTEMBER 1st, 1869, TO SEPTEMBER 1st, 1870.

NAMES.	LICENSED.	ORDAINED.	RESIDENCE AT TIME OF DEATH.	TIME OF DEATH.	AGE.
ISAAC F. STIELY,	1827	Upper Mahontongo, Pa.....	September 13, 1869.	70
JOHN ACKERET,	1841	Millersburg, O.....	September 13, 1869.	45
HENRY KROH,	Stockton, Cal.....	December 15, 1869..	71
ROBERT KEHLER,	1824	Meadville, Pa.....	January 29, 1870.....
HENRY HABLSTON,	1815	1832	Baltimore, Md.....	April 2, 1870.....	76
WILLIAM C. BENNET,	Boiling Springs, Pa.....	April 12, 1870.....	67
E. F. LUDERS,	1858	Lafayette, Ind.....	May 12, 1870.....	58
WILLIAM WITZGALL,	1858	Napoleon, O.....	June 22, 1870.....	50
PHILIP MAYER,	1809	Orwigsburg, Pa.....	July 22, 1870.....	88
ABRAHAM H. DOTTERER,	1869	New Hanover, Pa.....	Aug. 24, 1870.....	30
JAMES RINEHART,	Columbiana, O.....	August 29, 1870.....

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 Appel, Theodore, Prof., Lancaster, Pa.
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 Apple, T. G., D.D., Prof., Mercersburg, Pa.
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 Bassler, H. S., Shimersville, Lehigh Co., Pa.
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 Bauman, E., Abilene, Dickinson Co., Kansas.
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 Becker, Cyrus J., Catasauqua, Lehigh Co., Pa.
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